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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action dated January 3, 2002 in connection with the above-referenced patent application. Applicants hereby request a one-month extension of time within which to respond to the Office Action, for which a check in the amount of \$55.00 is submitted herewith (Applicants are a small entity).

AFFIRMATION OF PROVISIONAL ELECTION:

In the Office Action, affirmation was requested of the provisional election made by Applicants' attorney telephonically. Applicants hereby affirm that election, and elect to prosecute Invention I, being claims 1-13 and 16-19.

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claim 17 without prejudice.